

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7002

By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Catherine Neely and the East Ridge High School girls' volleyball team upon capturing the 2005 TSSAA Class A/AA Volleyball Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the East Ridge High School girls' volleyball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, establishing a record of 47 wins against only 19 losses and winning the 2005 TSSAA Class A/AA Volleyball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers romped through the State tournament without a single loss, advancing to the Class A/AA State Championship Game with a 25-20, 17-25, 25-23, 26-24 win over Loretto High School in the semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, East Ridge then destroyed the Anderson County High School girls' volleyball team by the score of 25-16, 25-23, 27-25 to claim the 2005 TSSAA Class A/AA Volleyball Title; and

WHEREAS, posting an astounding 141 kills in just three days of tournament play, East Ridge's Laura Brock was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Catherine Neely has devoted forty-two remarkable years to the cultivation of the volleyball program at East Ridge High School by sharing with her players her substantial knowledge of volleyball, her many years of coaching and athletic experience, and her passion both for the sport and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to her coaching abilities, Head Coach Catherine Neely recorded her 1200th career win during East Ridge's 2005 volleyball season; and

WHEREAS, the volleyball players at East Ridge High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship volleyball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the East Ridge Lady Pioneers for winning the 2005 TSSAA Class A/AA Volleyball Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Catherine Neely and the East Ridge High School girls' volleyball team on a tremendous season and wish them well in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.